



# CITY OF BIG RAPIDS

226 North Michigan Avenue  
Big Rapids, MI 49307

To: Homeowner  
 From: City of Big Rapids, Neighborhood Services Department  
 Re: Neighborhood Improvement Project Grant Program  
 Date: August 6, 2019

Dear Homeowner,

The City of Big Rapids is administering a grant from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), with the help of the Big Rapids Housing Commission. This grant will fund exterior home improvement projects that cost between \$2,500 and \$7,499 for those meeting the eligibility criteria. Your home must be owner-occupied to be eligible; rental properties are ineligible for this grant. Geographic eligibility includes all owner-occupied homes in the City of Big Rapids that are to the east of the Muskegon River.

This grant is targeting projects for owner-occupied, single family homes in need of exterior repairs. Examples of projects that could be funded include replacing roof, siding, windows, doors, porch, or walkways, as well as landscaping up to \$1,000. Improvement projects are not to exceed \$7,499 per home. Project work must be completed before December 31, 2019. It is hoped that this project will help residents perform needed maintenance and repairs to their properties, which in turn will contribute to an overall pride in the community.

Income eligibility is determined as those at or below 120% of the area median income. See the chart below for that income level by number of persons per household.

Income Eligibility Limits for the City of Big Rapids Program						
Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Income Limit (120% AMI)	\$49,320	\$56,400	\$63,480	\$70,440	\$76,080	\$81,720

In addition to homeowner rehabilitation projects, the grant is also funding a renovation project at Linden Street Park. The project will remove the old playground equipment and replace it with all new playground equipment. This will increase the safety of children playing in this neighborhood community space.

Those interested in applying for this grant program should complete the Application and Household Income Self Certification Form (both attached) and return them, along with photos of the work you would like the grant to fund, to the City of Big Rapids Neighborhood Services Department in City Hall before 5:00PM on Monday, August 26, 2019. For more information, visit the City of Big Rapids website at [www.cityofbr.org](http://www.cityofbr.org) or contact the Neighborhood Services Department at 231-592-4036.

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City Manager	231-592-4020	City Treasurer	231-592-4010	Neighborhood Services	231-592-4035
Assessing	231-592-4030	DART	231-796-8675	Public Safety	231-527-0005
City Clerk	231-592-4020	Income Tax	231-592-4012	Public Works	231-592-4015
Water Plant	231-796-6231	Wastewater Plant	231-796-8483		